

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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FOOD AND DRUG TESTING LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total number of food and drug testing laboratories in the country, State wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish more such laboratories in the country during 2008-09;
- (c) if so, the details thereof location-wise and the criteria fixed for identification of such location;
- (d) whether the Government proposed to upgrade existing food and drug testing laboratories in various part of the country;
- (e) the details of funds allocated for the said purpose during the current year, laboratory- wise; and
- (f) the details of the expenditure incurred or likely to be incurred on setting up/upgradation of these laboratories?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) A statement containing details of Central Food and Drugs testing Laboratories in the country is annexure.
- (b) No, Sir. As far as the Central Government is concerned, there is no such plan to establish more such laboratories during 2008-09.
- (c) & ((f) Do not arise.
- (d) & (e) Upgradation of facilities of food and drugs testing laboratories is a continuous and ongoing process, depending on the needs of particular laboratories.